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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia

Note verbale dated 11 November 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) and has the honour to transmit information submitted by the Government of Colombia in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 of resolution 1343 (2001) and paragraph 5 of resolution 1408 (2002).

Colombia supports Security Council resolutions 1343 (2001) and 1408 (2002) and is committed to fulfilling the obligations imposed on Member States by the said resolutions. The Government of Colombia has taken all necessary steps to bring these resolutions to the attention of the competent authorities, and has instructed them to adopt the requisite administrative measures.

The information received by the various authorities is as follows:

1. The Ministry of Foreign Trade reports that there is not and never has been any type of diamond trade with the Government of Liberia.

2. The Ministry of Defence decided, in Decision No. 148 of 2002, to: "Prohibit the sale or supply and the export of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, having Liberia as their final destination" (see annex).

Any new information that may emerge will be brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Security Council sanctions committee in a timely manner.

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Annex dated _____ to the note verbale dated 11 November 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Decision No. 148 of 2002

Adopting the measures required to comply with Security Council resolutions 1343 (2001) and 1408 (2002)

The Central Administrator of the Military Industry,

In exercise of his legal powers, particularly those vested in him by Decree Nos. 2346 of 1971 and 2069 of 1984 and Governing Board Agreement No. 0439 of 2001, and

WHEREAS:

The Security Council issued resolutions 1343 (2001) and 1408 (2002), adopted at its 4287th and 4526th meetings, held on 7 March 2001 and 6 May 2002, respectively,

The aforesaid resolutions decided, inter alia, that:

- All States should take the necessary measures to prevent the sale or supply to Liberia, by their nationals or from their territories or using their flag vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, whether or not originating in their territories;
- All States should take the necessary measures to prevent any provision to Liberia by their nationals or from their territories of technical training or assistance related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of the items in the preceding paragraph;
- Supplies of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, and related technical assistance or training, as approved in advance by the Security Council Committee, constitute an exception to the above;
- The aforesaid measures are adopted and established for 14 months, extended by 12 months, pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 1408 (2002) of 6 May 2002; at the end of that period, the Council will decide whether or not to keep them in force for a further period.

Resolution 1408 (2002) also confirms that all States, in particular arms exporting countries, should exercise the highest degree of responsibility in small arms and light weapons transactions to prevent illegal diversion and re-export, so as to stem the leakage of legal weapons to illegal markets in the region,

By means of memorandum No. 207 MDVOE-511 of 10 July 2002, the Directorate for the Coordination of Decentralized Entities transmitted a copy of resolutions 1343 (2001) and 1408 (2002), requesting the adoption of the measures required for the implementation of the arms embargo against Liberia,

In accordance with paragraph (x) of Agreement No. 0439 of 12 June 2001, the Administrator of the Military Industry is responsible for "exercising the functions established by the Governing Board and those which by their nature devolve upon him as the executive officer and which are not assigned to another authority",

DECIDES:

Article 1. To prohibit the sale or supply and the export of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, having Liberia as their final destination.

Article 2. To inform the Liberia sanctions committee by 6 August 2002 of the decision adopted herein.

FOR TRANSMITTAL AND COMPLIANCE

Done at Bogotá on 2 August 2002

(*Signed*) General Ramón Eduardo **Niebles Uscátegui** (Ret.)
Administrator of the Military Industry